

**CHAPTER NO. 562**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3488**

**By Representatives McMillan, Hargrove**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3405**

**By Senators Crutchfield, Ford**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207, relative to medical licensure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(b) is amended by deleting the fourth sentence in its entirety and substituting the following:

(b) Applicants shall successfully complete the United States Medical Licensing Examination within seven (7) years from the date of whichever step of the examination was successfully completed first. An applicant is considered to have successfully completed a step of the examination on the date that the step was taken and not the date on which the passing score was made public by the examination agency. Provided however, the board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations creating exceptions that will extend the seven (7) year time frame provided in this subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 12, 2004**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR